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Youth Encouraged to Work In Local National Park

Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park System, will once again host a Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) work team. For over 25 years, youth from the area have worked on trails, helped to rehabilitate historic cabins, participated in environmental education programs, and much more. This year's program will run from June 22 through August 14, 2009. Applications from diverse social, economic, ethnic, and racial groups are being sought. YCC staff are employed full- time and will receive \$7.25 per hour. All eligible youth considering a career with the National Park Service, or who would like to work outdoors this summer, are encouraged to apply.

Applications are being accepted now through April 30, 2009. Contact the park directly or go on- line to download the application form at www.nps.gov/prwi and click on the "News" link. To be eligible, you must have had your 15th birthday by June 22 but not have your 19th before August 14. Completed applications should be submitted to Prince William Forest Park, 18100 Park Headquarters Road, Triangle, VA 22172- 1644. Remember, your application must be received by April 30, 2009.

Prince William Forest Park has been hosting YCC teams for 25 years. During that time, a number of participants have moved on to promising careers with the National Park Service. Public Law 91- 378 declared the YCC pilot program a success and established the permanent Youth Conservation Corps program in 1970. Since that time YCC participants have work in National Wildlife Refuges, National Parks, National Fish Hatcheries, and in other facilities across the United States. Participants gain experience in environmental stewardship and community service. They also learn about teamwork, safety, leadership and resource evaluation while building organizational and decision-making skills. The program has been and continues to be positive for Prince William Forest Park and the community.

Just 35- miles south of downtown D.C., Prince William Forest Park is one of the largest national park sites in the metropolitan area. It is an oasis of nearly 15,000 acres of diverse woodland habitat and protects numerous natural and cultural resources. The main park entrance is located 1/4 mile west of I- 95 on Joplin Road. If you have questions about the YCC program or just need a little more information, call Karen Brantner at (703) 221- 2391 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. For general park information call the Visitor Center at (703) 221- 7181 daily from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/prwi anytime.

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